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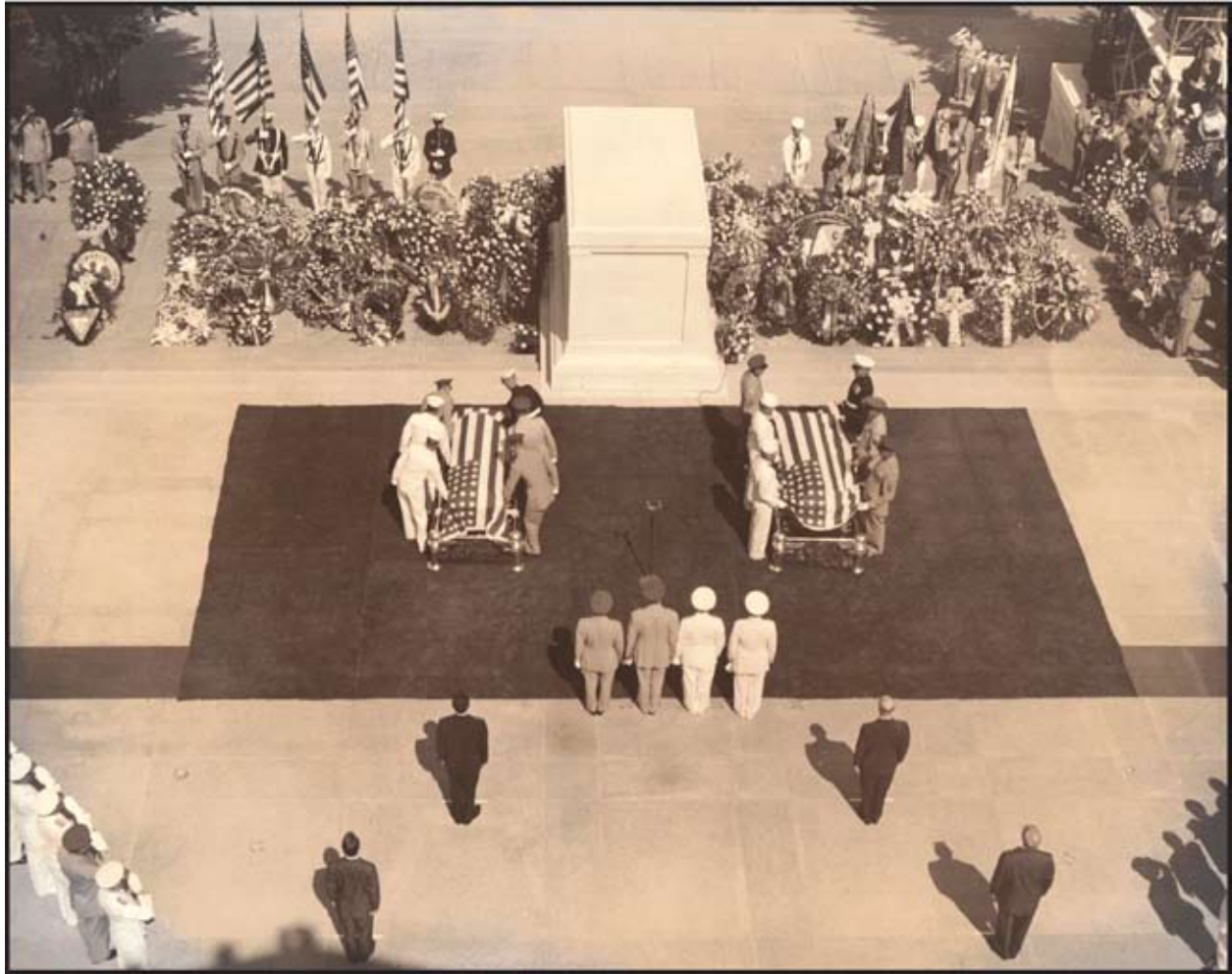


# Star

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## Burial of World War II and Korean War Unknown Soldiers, Memorial Day 1958

By Ben Weber

*This extraordinary photo shows the burial of the Unknown Soldiers from World War II and the Korean War at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day 1958. The photo is from my cousin, the late Col. Mark F. Brennan, commander of the 3rd Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) at the time of the burial ceremony. Third Infantry is one of the oldest and most respected infantry regiments in the U.S. Army. Its responsibilities include guarding the Tomb of the Unknowns and escorting deceased soldiers and dignitaries to their final rest at Arlington. Col. Brennan wrote on the back of the photo, "30 May 1958, Arlington Cemetery. The caskets of the two Unknowns are laid above the graves at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Behind the Unknown of World War II on the right is President [Dwight] Eisenhower. At the rear of the Unknown of Korea on the left is Vice President [Richard] Nixon. Military Chaplains of all faiths are in the center." Col. Brennan later described this historic moment when he wrote, "The final service was very short, chaplains from all three faiths saying final prayers before the cannon salute and the rifle volleys. From where I stood on the Amphitheater steps, there were people as far as the eye could see – some movement, but very little, and the chaplains' prayers were easily heard. Once the 21-gun cannon salute began, all movement stopped while all present knew these were the last honors to be paid. It was a very inspiring and emotional moment for all and I shall never forget it as long as I live."*

# AWON Family Mourns Members, Loved Ones

AWON has lost several devoted members and beloved family in recent months.

Marian S. Fetterhoff of Chambersburg, PA, mother of member Janice Buterbaugh, passed away on March 2 at the age of 89. She was married to Janice's father, PFC Maurice J. Ott, and later Ellsworth F. Fetterhoff Sr. She is survived by children, Janice, Ellsworth Jr. and Brenda; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Member Jeanine McKenzie Allen, 72, of Fredericksburg, VA, died in her sleep on March 14. She was the daughter of TM1 Lloyd C. McKenzie. She is survived by her husband, Lorie; mother, Elna Roop; two children;

and four grandchildren. Jeanine was widely known for her extensive research into WWII-era submarines.

Gwyn M. Sullivan, 38, of Long Beach, NY, passed away in her sleep, May 6. She was the only child of AWONer Joan Marlow. Besides her mother she leaves her husband and two young sons.

Allan Layne, 70, husband of AWON Past President Gloria Layne, passed away May 11 in New Jersey. He was retired as police chief of Tenafly, NJ, and was a U.S. Navy veteran. He is survived by his wife, Gloria; mother; two children; and two grandchildren.



Allen



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# Adversity Before, After Telegram Couldn't Keep Mother Down Long

by Barry Barr-Finch

**M**y mother, Zelpha Galloway Finch, was born in Hoquiam, WA, to Zelpha Burgess Galloway and Harry Otis Galloway, on August 1, 1909. My grandparents had moved to Hoquiam earlier that year to help start a piano sound board business. When the two younger siblings were born several years later, Mom was put in charge of them. She graduated from high school in 1927, then spent a year at Mills College in Oakland, CA, and another year at UCLA. She returned to Hoquiam to marry Ed Hawkins. They were married for about eight years when they had a son, Ned.

During the Depression years work, of course, was



*Zelpha Galloway Finch*

difficult to find. They lived for a time with his parents in Montana. I recall a story that Mom told me about that time. Her older brother was dating a girl. My grandfather didn't approve of her, so he gave my mother some money to give to the "gold digger" to get out of town. She took the money and ran.

My mother's marriage was troubled and ended in divorce shortly after Ned was born. Mom and her infant son moved to Seattle in 1939. I am not sure how she supported herself and my brother, but I do know there were jobs and I am pretty sure that her parents helped her off and on.

My grandfather died at age 63 in 1940. My mother's older brother shot himself in the family garage six months later. That was a difficult year for the family. Mom told me that at one point the plan for her was to buy a rooming house in the University District of Seattle, and that would be how she supported herself, but for some reason that plan was never carried out. My grandmother helped my mother buy a house in Seattle in 1941. She would never forget the date because it was December 7<sup>th</sup>. That is the house in which we all grew up. She did take in roomers during the war because of the huge housing shortage.

I do know that she worked for a boat building company in Seattle because that is where she met my godmother, Fran Thomas. Fran told me that they used to go to my grandmother's vacation

## NOTICE

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# Top Ten Must-Dos in Indianapolis

## **Children's Museum of Indianapolis**

Possibly the best children's museum in the world, and definitely the biggest, with more than 472,900 square feet of galleries and 110,000 artifacts. Explore and dissect everything from toy train collections and the famous Dinosphere to a working, century-old merry-go-round. You can't miss the building - there's a life-sized Brachiosaurus out front peering into the main lobby. [childrensmuseum.org](http://childrensmuseum.org)

## **Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art**

This idiosyncratic museum presents Native American and Western art, culture and history, along with other Western-themed pieces collected by Harrison Eiteljorg. [eiteljorg.org](http://eiteljorg.org)

## **The Indianapolis Culture Trail**

Calling the new bike and pedestrian-friendly boulevard a path is like calling Route 66 a road. Stretching more than seven miles through downtown Indy, it meanders past pretty much every artistic, sport and entertainment hotspot in the city. [indyculturetrail.org](http://indyculturetrail.org)

## **The Indy 500**

It's big, it's loud and it's the only place to be in May. The "Greatest Spectacle in Racing" always has tickets available since the century-old Indianapolis Motor Speedway seats 250,000 with space for more in the two-and-a-half mile oval's infield. [indianapolismotorspeedway.com](http://indianapolismotorspeedway.com)

## **Indianapolis Museum of Art**

Though the country's fifth-largest art museum holds plenty of interesting pieces, a walk through its grounds in the woods on the banks of the White River is equally captivating. [imamuseum.org](http://imamuseum.org)

## **Broad Ripple Art Fair**

Broad Ripple, Indy's artsy neighborhood, hosts a two-day outdoor festi-

val in May sponsored by the Indianapolis Art Center. The street fair is bursting with works from more than 225 artists and draws 22,000 visitors with its food, music and demonstrations. [indplsartcenter.org](http://indplsartcenter.org)

## **Slippery Noodle Inn**

Indiana's oldest bar opened in 1850 as a less-than-reputable establishment called Tremont House. These days it offers live music seven nights a week. Visit the ancient brick building's back music room where John Dillinger hung out and, occasionally, took target practice. Bullets still can be seen in the wall. [slipperynoodle.com](http://slipperynoodle.com)

## **Zionsville**

This little hamlet just outside Indy is almost too picturesque for words, with brick streets and an old-time business district that looks like something from a Thomas Kinkadee painting. No chains here - just quirky galleries and indie boutiques. [zionsvillechamber.org](http://zionsvillechamber.org)

## **Gray Brothers Cafeteria**

This family-owned establishment, in business since 1944, is different. One taste of the classic entrees on its immense serving line and you'll understand why national reviewers rave. The fried chicken is to die for, and the strawberry pie is legendary. [graybrotherscatering.com](http://graybrotherscatering.com)

## **Eagle Creek Park and Marine**

The nation's sixth-largest city park, Eagle Creek (with actual eagles), encompasses almost 4,000 acres, plus a 1,400-acre lake. There's a newly-installed treetop zipline, and water lovers can rent pretty much anything that floats. [eaglecreekpark.org](http://eaglecreekpark.org)

All this in Indianapolis, plus good old Hoosier Hospitality! AWON will celebrate its 20th anniversary October 19-21, 2012, In Indianapolis. A registration form is on page 5.



**Registration Form**  
**Celebrating 20 Years • 2012 AWON National Conference**  
**Indianapolis, Indiana • October 19-21, 2012**

**Please return by August 1, 2012**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guests: (name and relationship to member and if a veteran): \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first AWON Conference? (circle one) yes ☐ no ☐

☐ I do NOT want registration information listed in the conference roster. (check box if desired)

Do you have special needs? (If so, please indicate on next space) yes ☐ no ☐

Are you driving to the conference? yes ☐ no ☐

Would you be willing to shuttle others to events? yes ☐ no ☐

Please indicate choice and number of banquet entrees: beef \_\_\_\_\_ chicken \_\_\_\_\_  
fish \_\_\_\_\_ vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee**

(includes banquet)

Note: Conference registration fee is reduced in celebration of AWON's 20th Anniversary

Active Member \$125 / \$75 deposit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Inactive Member \$150 / \$75 deposit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

First Guest \$75 / \$50 deposit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Add'l Guests w/banq. \$65 / \$50 deposit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Add'l Guests no banq. \$30 / \$15 deposit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total registration fee/deposit enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Must be returned by August 1 and paid in full by August 15**

**Name Tag Information** (please print clearly)

Name (include maiden name) and State of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Other guests attending (designate if veteran): \_\_\_\_\_

Serviceman's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_

rank first middle last  
KIA or MIA (circle one) Date KIA/MIA \_\_\_\_\_ Country KIA/MIA \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration form with check or money order payable to **AWON** to:

**2012 AWON National Conference**  
**5745 Lee Road**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46216**

# Lightning Strikes Twice; Brit Orphan Finds New Photo of American Dad

*by Angela Christian*

**N**ew photo found. Every time I type those three words I smile from ear to ear.

It all started about ten months ago when I picked up on a posting on the AWON WWII Bulletin Board on the AWON website. A gentleman named Kenneth Brown posted that his father-in-law was still alive and more than willing to talk about his service with the 313th Infantry, Company H. I nearly fell off my chair with excitement. The only problem was that with it being an unregistered guest my silly computer back then wouldn't let me respond directly, so I just placed a message saying, "please contact me."

About a week ago whilst trawling through the message board again, I decided to give it one more shot and this time the e-mail went through direct and Ken replied within ten minutes. I gave him the information about my dad and asked if he would inquire as to if his father-in-law remembered him. He eventually came back and said that his father-in-law, Frank, didn't remember names. I was devastated!

I replied, thanking him for his efforts. I also mentioned that my other dearest wish

was to find a photograph of Dad in uniform and that I realized that the outlook on that wish was pretty bleak. Ken returned saying that his father-in-law had a few World War II photographs taken in Germany. He sent



*PVT Gilbert M. Bush, the "cheeky chap" crouching with a cigarette.*

them in an attachment, which was so very kind.

Well, lo and behold, when I stared at one of the photos I just knew that it was my dad. Then again, I thought maybe it was all in my head. Could I possibly have another miracle happen? In 2007, Jimmie Yates, the son of a soldier who died with my father, came across one of my other Internet posts and contacted me (*The Star*, March 2012). In a military mix-up his family ended up

with my father's personal effects, including my dad's pocket knife and rosary. His family also had photos of my dad - the first photos I have ever seen of him. Jimmie died in 2010 before we had a chance to meet, but I was fortunate to meet Jimmie's sister, Norma Brubaker, last October, in London. After having all this luck, how could it happen again?

I was so full of excitement about seeing yet another photograph of my father I thought I was going to burst. I wrote back to Ken and said that I thought that this was my dad. He in turn asked Frank if he remembered where the crouching soldier was from. Frank said either New York or New Jersey. Hallelujah! Dad was from Princeton, NJ.

The photograph you see with this article apparently was taken in late 1944 somewhere in Germany and must have been prior to Dad returning to England to see mum and help bring me into world. I was born in October 1945 some five months after Dad died.

I now have three photographs of Dad, two courtesy of Jimmie Yates and now one courtesy of a wonderful veteran named Frank. I just can't believe how good God has been to grant my wishes like so.

American WWII Orphans Network

# AWON Honored at Stalag Luft III Luft III Survivors Reunion



AWON was honored at a candle-lighting ceremony at the reunion of Stalag Luft III POW survivors in April in Dayton, OH.

Delmar Scott Spivey, a member of the U.S. Coast Guard, and grandson of Gen. Delmar Spivey, senior American officer of Center Compound, Stalag Luft III, recited these words while lighting the third candle:

*In tribute to all the children of war. For those who met their fathers briefly and for those who never did. For these orphans of war, in recognition that although many of us got our fathers back, there are many who never did and have lived their lives feeling that inconsolable loss.*

AWON is profoundly grateful to Stalag Luft III reunion organizer Marilyn Walton, AWON-er Adrian Leist Caldwell, and Mr. Spivey, for this solemn recognition.

## 2012 AWON National Conference Embassy Suites Indianapolis - Downtown October 19-21, 2012 Hotel Reservations

AWON rate \$129 plus tax per night for king or two doubles. Parking \$21 per night.

Call (317) 236-1800 or  
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Mention AWON 2012-IC block. Or book online at  
[www.indianapolisdowntown.embassysuites.com](http://www.indianapolisdowntown.embassysuites.com).

Use group code AWO.

Reservation cutoff date September 18, 2012

## 2012 AWON National Conference "Celebrating 20 Years" Conference Program Book Memorial Ad Form

If you would like to place a memorial ad in the conference program book, complete the form below and include a photo(s) or email an image. Forms and payment are due by **July 1**. If you send photos by mail, **do not send originals**. They will not be returned. Identify the subject of the photo on the back. If you email a photo, please send a high-resolution jpg.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Select one: (8½ x 11 page)

\$20 \_\_\_\_\_ 1/8 page      \$35 \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 page

\$70 \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2 page      \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ full page

*Ad prices have been reduced in honor of AWON's 20th Anniversary. Everyone placing an ad will receive a program book, whether or not they attend the conference.*

Message to accompany photo  
(enclose separate sheet if necessary):

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Make check/money order payable to **AWON**  
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Springfield, IL 62704  
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## Welcome New Members

James T. Weatherly, FL, cousin of PFC Harold B. McCarn, Army  
Catharine Starbird Dalton, CA, dau of BG James L. Dalton, Army  
Thomas Zarr, UT, son of CAPT Michael D. Cahir, Army Medical Corps  
James R. Simcoke, FL, son of LT Morris G. Simcoke, Navy  
Donna Dull Hurt, NC, dau of ILT Adrian D. Cooper, Army Air Force  
Doris R. Porter, NV, dau of S/SGT Ralph E. Reynolds, Army  
George Keifer, PA, cousin of PVT Floyd C. Krell, Army  
Donna Angeloff, PA, niece of SIC Calvin E. Nicholson, Navy  
Jerry Catalano, NY, brother of SGT Angelo G. Catalano, Army  
Jean Marie Paul, PA, dau of CAPT William A. Steinhurst, Army  
Camille Mueller, IN, dau of PVT Reuban Morales, Army

(new members since the March issue of *The Star*)

Susan Johnson Hadler wrote this poem last Memorial Day, in memory of her father, 2nd Lt. David S. Johnson Jr., who was blown up by a mine in Mechernich, Germany, on April 12, 1945. Susan was three months old.

### ***Standing Tall***

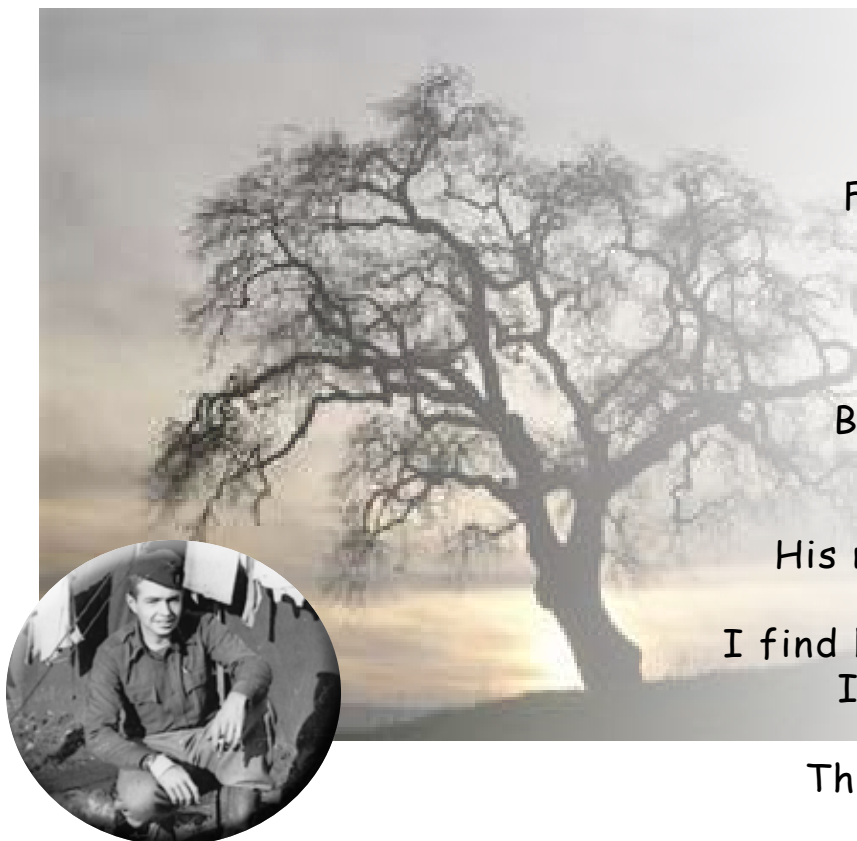
by Susan Johnson Hadler

Standing tall now  
Where he fell then  
As a young soldier,  
My father is a tree.

First he became earth,  
Then he sprouted,  
Grew a mottled trunk  
And branches.

By the time I found him  
He was 50 years tall  
Head in the sky,  
His many arms embracing life.

I find him now in trees everywhere  
I find him inside of me.  
He is the light  
That grows from darkness.





# AWON Website Place to Connect with Father's War Buddies

by Janice Buterbaugh

Military records and personal letters are great linking objects to our fathers, as well as sources for information. But imagine if you could correspond with your father's war buddy!

The Lost Buddies Project is one of many resources on

the AWON website, managed by AWON Webmaster, Rik Peirson. The project is located at <http://www.west-point.org/family/awon/lostbuddies/>.

All you have to do is create a jpeg image file of any photos you have of your father's buddies, or servicemen who may have

been with him throughout his service. Send the jpeg, along with any information you may have about the photos, to Janice Ott Buterbaugh at [janicebuterbaugh@gmail.com](mailto:janicebuterbaugh@gmail.com). I will stage or prepare the image and information, and then forward it to the webmaster for posting on the Lost Buddies webpage.

We have been successful finding lost buddies a few times. One of those men in your father's war photographs may have the story you have been waiting for. You even may discover additional pictures of your father from the photos belonging to the buddy or his family. Don't pass up this opportunity to learn more about your father through old photographs of his war buddies.

## AWONers Visit Belgian Friends Ahead of Memorial Day Events



In early May two AWON couples enjoyed dinner and conversation in Liège, Belgium, with two AWON Overseas Friends. Pictured from left are AWON Friend Michel Lorquet, AWONer Diane Anderson Pollard, AWON Friend Bernard Villers, and Diane's husband, Jim Pollard. From the right side going left are Michel's wife, Bénédicte Lorquet, AWON Friend Régine Villers, AWONer Joe Lippi and Mary Lippi. Michel is the school teacher who has his pupils adopt graves at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial, and organized a huge celebration for Joe Lippi and WWII veteran Art Mahler during Memorial Day 2010. The Lippis won't be in Belgium during Memorial Day this year, but the Pollards will, along with their daughter, Lindsey. Look for more pictures of AWON Overseas Friends and AWONers in *The Star's* annual Memorial Day coverage, in September.

### Correction

*In the AWON Connections column of the December 2011 issue of The Star, it was incorrectly reported that Vic Muller received a blue star license plate in honor of his brother's World War II service. He actually received a gold star license plate. Inaccurate information was provided to The Star.*



# AWON Connections

Pictures and Stories of Members  
Gathering Around the Country



In February Jerry and Judy Pinkerton, Penny and Howard Walker, and Patty and Jerry Temte, met for lunch at the *Macaroni Grill* in Plano, TX. The Walkers, Jerry Pinkerton and Patty Temte all will be going to the Philippines in May. *Patty*



In April, Barry Barr-Finch and Tom Brewer, middle, visited Dianne Wiegand Baczynski and husband, John, in San Francisco. One of the sites they visited was the famous Golden Gate Bridge from Fort Point. *Dianne*



Some Seattle-area members met for lunch in early May. Unfortunately Barry Barr-Finch's eyes were closed in both photos. Seated from left are Rosemary Foster and Rosalyn Meacham. Standing from left are Kathy Hobbs, Nancy Thaut, Barry, Edie (Rosalie's mother), and Rosalie Francisco. Judi Kramer was planning to join us, but was feeling a bit under the weather and had to cancel. Tom Brewer took the photo and provided the flowers. Good food, and good company. *Barry*



Penny Hopkins Legrand and husband, Steve, of Arizona, blew in to San Diego in February with two fine youngsters in tow: Broc Traweck (12) and sister, Keely (14). They all had come to see the kids' father, Navy veteran Parrish Traweck, arrive after hitching a ride from Hawaii on the *USS Dewey*, a guided missile destroyer. They were in





On April 29, 23 orphans and spouses gathered at Hoss's Steak and Sea House for the seventh annual York, PA, gathering. We enjoyed our lunch, greeted folks we knew and welcomed new orphans and their spouses. It was so much fun to see familiar faces and meet some new folks. There were ten people who joined us for the first time, and four states were represented: Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. After lunch it was off to the Historical Society of York County to tour their exhibit, *Front Porch to Front Lines: York County goes to War*. The exhibit takes you inside the lives of those who answered the call at home and abroad, bearing witness to their courage and camaraderie. As you know, it is so difficult to say good-bye, so seven of us headed to another restaurant for a snack and more conversation about AWON and our fathers before we departed. As we said our farewells, we said we looked forward to seeing each other at the conference in Indianapolis. Orphans who were at the York gathering were, front row, from left: Lynne Lecrone, Connie Yucka, Donna Pressley, Maxine Olson and Carol Buckley. Back row, from left: Maggie Fenstermacher, Ken Sills, Janice Buterbaugh, Rusty Lerch, Phyllis Louis, Dale Moyer, Donna Allen, Ed Peters, Betty Volkan and Jeanne Rhinehart. Spouses attending but not pictured included Phil Yucka, Fred Olson, George Buckley, Dodie Sills, Mary Jane Moyer, Dick Allen, Pat Peters and Vamick Volkan. *Lynne*

town a day ahead of time, so they called on the usual AWON San Diego tour guides, Roger and Sharon Connor. The whole crew went to Cabrillo National Monument at Point Loma. This is the exact spot where Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo landed in 1542, making him the first European to set foot on what is now the west coast of the USA. They toured the Old Lighthouse and Sharon, Steve and Penny posed for a photo with vast Pacific Ocean in the background.

Roger was the photographer. The Homecoming event was quite emotional, not so much for the LeGrands and Traweeks, but for the returning crew on the *USS Dewey* from the Persian Gulf. After spending seven months at sea, there were many smiles, hugs, tears, flowers, welcome home signs, and one young man laid down and kissed the ground. The "Zonies" headed home after spending an extra day visiting the pandas at the San Diego Zoo. *Penny*

home on Hood Canal where they would go dancing down the road at the Robin Hood Inn. This place was saved from destruction a few years back when the Nordstroms, who had vacation homes in the same area, bought it and restored it.

My mother and father, David Baird Finch, met in Summer 1943 while he was stationed at Fort Lewis Washington. According to a letter he later wrote to his sister, they "fell for each other pretty hard."

He was engaged to someone else but broke it off. He went off to his military duties and then mother found herself pregnant with me. When my dad found out, he wrote a letter to his sister who was a widow with two children herself. Her husband worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and was fatally injured while working on a construction project at the Bremerton shipyards. Dad asked her not to judge them, but told her about Mother and me. He requested that if he was unable to marry Mom and anything happened to him, for Aunt Polly to please give my

mother the insurance money. I knew nothing of this until the 1970s but the neighbors sure did and not one person ever let on to us kids about my mother's "situation," although in retrospect, I am pretty sure that some of them treated her differently.

My dad was able to get leave and return home to Seattle, and they were married on March 4, 1944, at Fort Lawton in Seattle. Fran and Aunt Polly were the witnesses. I was born on March 27. Dad was able to get leave to visit the hospital but was not permitted to hold me. That was the last time Mom saw him. He shipped out to the South Pacific that fall and died on Leyte, Philippines, November 13, 1944 - three weeks af-

ter his unit landed there with Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Mom got the telegram on December 19th, after she had put up the Christmas decorations. A few years ago, my brother remembered the two men in uniform who came to the door. We spent some time in Hoquiam after Mom learned about dad's death because several of the condolence letters were sent to either my grandmother's house or the Emerson Hotel there. Some time after my father's death, she went to work for West

Coast Airlines - of Howard Hughes fame - at Boeing Field.

In January 1946 she married Watson Barr. She had known him from his having worked in Grays Harbor, WA. He was eleven years her senior. She admitted that she married him so that she could get support for herself and two children. She quickly became pregnant and sometime during the course of the pregnancy, she got toxemia. At 37, it almost killed her. The baby, Liz, came two months early, in November 1946. Since my mother had remarried, my father's mother was given the choice of leaving Dad's remains in the

Manila American Cemetery and Memorial.

Watson adopted me and my brother. It was a difficult decision because as my father's only child, the family name would be lost. But Mom thought it best if we all had the same last name instead of three different ones. I remember many of the things that my "daddy" Watson did with me as a child, like taking me to his office, to school functions, and to the beach at Sand Point Naval Air Station. He had served in the Navy in the Pacific reaching the rank of Lt. Commander. After the war he had a shipping business of some type in Seattle. However, his business



*Zelpha and Barry at three months.*

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failed and he was an alcoholic, so Mom had to divorce him. She was back to being single again now with three children.

I remember when I was in the second grade, Mom was not able to find anyone to take care of us while she worked, so my sister, Liz, was sent to private kindergarten. I was the last one to leave the house in the morning, so I locked the door and walked to school. I was the first one home so I unlocked the door, and I remember having to wash the dishes. Sometimes my dad's older sister would come over and help me after she finished her day of teaching.

After a series of live-in housekeepers, Mom finally found one that stuck around for about nine years. That had to have been a huge relief. By the time Lillian left, we were old enough that we didn't have to have someone looking after us. During that time, Mom worked for a long time for a steamship company downtown. When that company closed down, she took another job with a furniture factory in Ballard, a northwest neighborhood in Seattle. My grandmother Galloway died in 1954. Her three surviving children inherited one-third each of 51 percent of the piano company in Hoquiam.

Mom's two siblings squabbled over who should run the company so by 1959, Mom sold her stock for a pretty good sum because she was tired of being caught in the middle of a family war. She didn't really have to work after that. I do remember her showing me the check, and then after she died, I remember the amount of liquid assets was just about the same worth. I remembered someone telling me that it is always a good idea to not live on your principle and that was about what she did. Good money management on her part.

Mom dated a few men after Watson left, but I don't think anything was ever really serious. I remember that one man from Hoquiam came to see her several times. The day of my aunt's funeral in Hoquiam in June 1966, I remember being introduced to this man's wife while my aunt's bridge group gathered

for a last game. When I found out who this woman was, I told her that I knew her husband from when he came to see us in Seattle. Boy, one could have sliced the silence at that point with a very sharp knife. I am sure that I said something I shouldn't have and she had no idea what was going on between my mother and this man, as innocent as it probably was. I remember a man who came from Wichita, KS. He may have worked for Boeing, I am not sure. He was a really nice man, but I have no idea if he was married or not.

My mother's sister then introduced her to Bill Gawley, a widower from Aberdeen, WA. They hit it off and were married in April 1966 right after I turned 21. There was a lot of drinking going on among that group and alcohol became a factor for all of them. My aunt's death two months later was due to cirrhosis of the liver.

When Mom and Bill would drink a lot, they would become verbally abusive to each other. Bill once told me that my dad was the one she really loved. When I think back on it, I remember as a child walking in on her one morning while she was pouring a glass of *Christian Brothers* wine. Later, it was vodka with the orange juice. If alcohol was an issue during the years I was growing up, it never interfered with her ability to provide for us, at least that I am aware.

When I was a child, I remember being ill in my bedroom in the middle of the night and crying. My mother heard me and came into my room to comfort me. I remember thinking at that time, "She really does care about me." I had somehow got it into my head that she didn't. You see, she was somewhat of a princess in many ways. I can't describe it, it was just an impression that I had. When I had my own children, she reinforced that idea, because she really seemed disinterested. That was not the way other grandmothers behaved that I had seen.

Then in 1982 or 1983 Mom had a stroke. Bill did not realize it, but one day I was at their house and I noticed her eating with her left

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# Mott Talks About Military Service, AWON at Symposium



In April AWONer Nick Mott put on his fatigues for a military symposium at Edison Community College in Piqua, OH. Veterans from World War II through Afghanistan spoke about their military experiences for the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project. Mott, pictured above with his daughter,

Kelly, was interviewed about his Vietnam service, and also spoke about his father's WWII service. Mott had two tables in the display area - one about his and his father's service, and another about AWON. Dr. Vivian Blevins, coordinator of the project, spent considerable time at the AWON display.

## ***Contributions Sought for Volkan Conference Topic***

**Vamik D. Volkan, M.D., Nobel Peace Prize nominee and international lecturer, has agreed to present at our 2012 AWON National Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, in October.**

**Dr. Volkan has brought us presentations on linking objects and now will introduce us to transgenerational influence - how the loss of our fathers and associate mourning influenced the next generation, how our surviving mothers and our father's loss influenced our upbringing and, in turn, how it influenced the raising of our children.**

**Dr. Volkan has been working on transgenerational transmission for years and now would like to present this concept to AWON. He requests our participation by submitting our experiences, feelings and thoughts in writing to help him prepare for this presentation. Also, please indicate if you would like participate on a panel during the presentation. He also is interested hearing from our children and our fathers' grandchildren on how they perceived this transgenerational influence on their lives.**

**Please submit your comments to:**

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hand. Since she had been right-handed all her life, I commented on it. He had not noticed. She had trouble walking, too. So, he made a doctor's appointment and I helped him get her there. The doctor said that she displayed all the symptoms of having had a stroke, but it had been too long so they were unable to make a medical diagnosis.

After a while it became apparent that Bill was unable to take care of Mom, so we put her in a nursing home. She got a bit better with physical therapy but never regained a lot of her speech or ability to walk on her own. The one thing that did become evident was that she was happy. All her life she had taken care of people; her two siblings, her first and third husbands, and her own three children. When Bill began taking care of her, she finally got what she had wanted all her life - someone to take care of her. She changed from being the feisty negative person she had become in the last 15 years to a wonderfully mellow popular lady. The staff in the nursing home loved her because she was the easiest person to work with.

Bill died of lung cancer in April 1986. Liz decided to move back to Seattle to take care of Mom. I was Mom's guardian, so we purchased a house where the two of them lived for four years. Mom had a massive stroke in late 1989 leaving her totally paralyzed. She died in April 1990 at the age of 80. She was cremated and her remains were put in the vault with her beloved father in Hoquiam.

When I went to the Philippines with AWON in 2007, Diane Baczynski brought some of her mother's ashes to place them on her father's grave. How I wish that I would have thought to do that. I did have an interesting revelation while at the cemetery that year, though. I had been wondering why I hadn't been more emotional at his grave, but the third time there I realized, like a light going on, that he wasn't there. It was just his remains. He was off dancing with my mother. It was one of her favorite things to do.

There are two things I realized about my mother after she died. The first occurred to

me several years ago after I had decorated my house for Christmas. I was reflecting on how much my mother loved to do that and it occurred to me that she had given me a great gift. She always made Christmas special when a lot of people in her situation would have only remembered the pain of that telegram at Christmas and tried to forget the holiday. The second was when I was watching the movie *Titanic* a few years ago for the second or third time. It's the scene when Rose returns to the ship after she dies and Jack is waiting for her. I realized that was what happened with my parents. My father was waiting for her after all those years. That is what happened to a lot of those young brides who lost their hero husbands when they died; they went to be with the love of their life. Every time I hear Celine Dion sing *My Heart Will Go On* I call it the David and Zelpha song. You other war orphans can change the names to suit your own situation if you like.

I miss my mother more each year and still regret not asking all the questions I could have. Like my dad, she is my hero, too. With all the heartache, I think she did a pretty phenomenal job of raising three children.

### **Keep AWON Up To Date**

Send address and email updates  
to Database Manager

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**Deadline for the  
September Issue  
is August 1**

## AWON Board Business 15 January 2012

### **Financial Report and Budget:**

**Norm Burkey** reported that income exceeded expenses by approximately \$3,400 due to 2010 conference income early in the year. In order to present the 2012 budget, the cost of database maintenance needs to be established. The amount in the designated wreath fund is steadily increasing. This will be discussed at a later date.

**AWON Treasurer:** The board approved Norm contacting the member who volunteered for the treasurer position for further discussion and description of the work involved and to ask for a resume.

**Dues Options:** Norm reported that the credit card option for dues payment is too expensive and time-consuming for the webmaster. However, an electronic payment option is set up and dues now can be paid electronically. Database Manager **Gerry Morenski** will add the option to the reminder notice. An explanation will be printed in *The Star* and on the listserv.

**AWON Database:** Gerry recommended and the board approved that the maintenance agreement be dropped and replaced with a pay-per-service plan. The contract ends January 31. Work continues to make the database remotely accessible by the Regional Coordinator director. Gerry discussed the eventual placement of AWON's database, suggesting the Smithsonian,

Library of Congress, or the National Archives, as well as a copy staying with other AWON archival material wherever it will be archived eventually.

### **Complimentary Newsletter List:**

Gerry will send a list of members and nonmembers who are not charged for membership to the board for review.

**Lost Buddies:** The AWON database recently was used to help two WWII veterans find sons of their lost buddies. Information about the father was provided by the veterans to the sons of the fallen servicemen.

**Future Planning: Jerry Pinkerton, Judy Hathaway, Kathy Le Comte,** and Norm continue to work on a five-year transformation plan as needed.

The issue of downsizing the board is on hold pending the report from the nominating committee on the availability of candidates.

**AWON Election:** This is an election year. **Norma Nicol-Hamilton, Ed Peters,** Norm, and Gerry are at the end of their terms. They will report to the nominating committee as to whether or not they plan to run again. Ed will select a chair for the committee.

**Next Board Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled meeting of the AWON Board of Directors is March 18, 2012.

Judith Hoffman, Secretary

This is a condensed version of the minutes. For the complete minutes, visit [awon.org](http://awon.org).

# American WWII Orphans Network

## Application, Registration & Renewal Form

- ☐ I would like to become a member  
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### Information about You

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 Relationship to Serviceman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Would you like to receive *The Star* electronically? Y N  
 Where did you hear about AWON? \_\_\_\_\_

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 Service Number \_\_\_\_\_

Additional details about serviceman's death and/or service: (rank, medals, etc.)

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Home Town and State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wife's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Did widow remarry? Y N  
 Names and addresses of your siblings with same father, and/or additional family members:

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Check Your Membership Category:

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Basic annual membership dues are \$25. Sponsor, Gold Star and Multi-year memberships also are available:

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To locate and bring together sons and daughters of those who died or are missing as a result of American involvement in World War II, honor the service and sacrifice of our fathers and provide information and support to these people who were orphaned by the war.

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